Appendix C – Proposed terms of reference for Skills & Employment Committee

Skills & Employment Committee		
Purpose	Development of thematic strategy and key policy, engaging key stakeholders and partners to develop proposals to assist delivery of the CAs strategic objectives	
	Oversee implementation of thematic strategy and key policy, taking decisions within the strategic and budgetary framework agreed by the Board to deliver strategy and key policy.	
	Drive delivery of key strategic performance measures (as set out in corporate plan and key supporting strategy)	
	Oversight and management of the development and delivery of thematic business cases, programmes and projects, ensuring that they are contributing to the delivery of CA Strategic Objectives and the Annual Business Plan.	
	Ensure all programmes and projects comply with the Assurance Framework and are monitored and evaluated in line with the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.	
Accountable to:	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Board	
Accountable for:	Development, management and implementation of key strategy and policy relevant to remit of Committee, including: □ Employment and Skills Strategy □ Work, Health and Wellbeing Strategy Oversight and management of: □ Coordination with Department of Work and Pensions on the Work and Health Programme and; □ Department for Education on the Opportunity Area programme Performance management of key performance measures within remit of the Committee, including: □ Closing the skills gap with the national average for: a) Peterborough b) Fenland c) pockets within wider Cambridgeshire □ An increase in % of the population qualified to Levels 2, 3 and 4. □ Reduced difference in household income between most deprived and least deprived areas □ Reduction in percentage of population claiming support allowances and credit due to attaining well-paid employment □ Improved health and wellbeing	

Membership:	 ☐ Mayor (or their nominee) ☐ CPCA Lead Member for Skills & Employment ☐ Representative from each Constituent Authority (not represented on Committee through CPCA Lead Member position(s)) ☐ Business Board Thematic Representative Co-opted Members of the Combined Authority Board should receive an open invite to all executive committees to enable them to attend for items of interest. If a co-opted member wishes to attend and speak at the meeting, they should notify the relevant Chair prior to the meeting. The rights and responsibilities of co-opted members as set out in the relevant paragraphs in [insert section] of the constitution apply to committees.
Chair:	The Committee will be chaired by the CPCA Lead member for Skills & Employment
Vice Chair:	A vice-chair will be appointed at a Committee meeting at which appropriate CPCA Lead Members are not present
Voting:	Only the voting members of the board will be entitled to vote at meetings, the Chair does not exercise a casting vote. Any matters that are to be decided by the Committee are to be decided by consensus of the Committee where possible. Where consensus is not possible the provisions of the Constitution shall apply as follows: □ Each Member of the Committee is to have one vote and no Member including the Chair is to have a casting vote □ Co-opted Members cannot vote □ Any matter put to a vote will be decided on a show of hands. A decision will require a minimum of four voting members present and voting
Quorum:	No business shall be transacted unless representatives of four Constituent Authorities or more are present at a meeting
Servicing:	The Committee will be services by CPCAs Governance Team
Frequency:	Minimum of 6 meetings per year
Supported by:	The Committee is supported by: ☐ Employment & Skills Board ☐ Education Advisory Group
Functions: (key areas of focus under Corporate Plan)	Enhancing Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance ☐ Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Careers Hub ☐ Influencing national providers of Careers ☐ Lobbying Government for an all age careers service

	Delivery of Lifelong learning and workforce skills □ Continue to target the delivery of the Skills Fund (AEB and Free Courses for Jobs) □ Skills Bootcamps to better meet local need □ Improve numeracy and number-confidence among our citizens through delivery of Multiply Employer access to talent □ Improve the supply of skilled and ready workforce through local coordination of the whole Employment and Skills System and control of post-19 skills budgets □ Implementing a Health and Work Strategy to address economic inactivity and productivity
	Growth Works with Skills ☐ Improving brokerage and employer engagement ☐ Making skills easily accessible and increase technical education and careers
	Building Skills Infrastructure ☐ FE Cold Spots ☐ ARU Peterborough Phase 3 ☐ Centre for Green Technology at Peterborough College ☐ Net Zero Centre at Wisbech ☐ NCTC
	Generic □ Provide leadership in developing an approach to future devolution of powers from Government to the region on matters of Skills and Employment □ Lobbying for a second Skills Devo Deal that strengthens our current programme and delivers greater impact. To include a simplified Single devolved revenue budget for all skills programmes and a Single devolved capital budget for all skills infrastructure funding streams. Also a single devolved Careers budget □ To consider and advise upon major policy change
	The Committee can approve budgets and projects detailed in the Medium Term Financial Plan marked subject to approval including: Approval of employment projects detailed in approved MTFP Approval of AEB Budget as detailed in MTFP Approval of commissioning of delivery partners where this is required and authorise the staged release of budget for education and skills projects detailed in and funded from the MTFP
Lead Member Functions:	Support the Lead Member for Skills and Employment by: ☐ Providing advice and support to CPCA activity ☐ Helping engage with wider stakeholder networks and activity

	 ☐ Identify and scale up existing good practice within the CPCA region, including cross portfolio working, improvements and initiatives ☐ Identify and secure resources to deliver new opportunities
Review:	Reviewed annually and/or following adoption of new Corporate Plan
	The review process will include consideration of co-opted membership that will support the Committees remit